CalWORKs Program Guide Letter No. 332

Subject ELIGIBILITY STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Effective Date Upon Receipt

Purpose To issue a new CalWORKs Program Guide (CPG) Chapter 40-200

and associated eligibility resources for internal staff use.

Background

Eligibility staff and the Overpayment Specialist Unit (OSU) are responsible for taking eligibility actions necessary for Welfare-to-Work (WTW), Cal-Learn, and Child Care case management.

Changes

New eligibility worker responsibilities:

- Have an Employment Services (ES) discussion with applicants/recipients during the face-to-face interview
- Provide the WTW Informational Flyer (27-371 HHSA) at the time of the ES discussion unless the parent/caretaker relative has already received the flyer
- Offer exempt individuals the opportunity to voluntarily participate in WTW
- Make referrals to WTW or Cal-Learn on the same day whenever possible but no later than two business days after a CalWORKs approval or change in participation status
- Process *Employment Services Requests (ESRs), Form 27-357,* from Case Managers within the following timeframes:
 - Initial requests: Two business days for expedited requests or five business days for all other requests.
 - Elevations to management: Three business days.
 - o Elevations to CalWORKs Program: One business day.

New Program Guide Sections

| Section | Title |
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| <u>40-200.A</u> | Eligibility Responsibilities and Employment Services Requests |
| <u>40-200.B</u> | Employment Services Information for Applicants and Recipients |
| 40-200.C | Employment Services Participation and Exemption |

| <u>40-200.D</u> | Sanction and Penalty Actions |
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| <u>40-200.E</u> | Child Care Assistance |
| <u>40-200.F</u> | Supportive Services Overpayment Actions |
| <u>40-200.G</u> | Domestic Violence Waivers for Welfare-to-Work |
| <u>40-200.H</u> | Welfare-to-Work Time Clock Actions |

Note: <u>CPG 10-005.B</u> has been incorporated into these new sections.

WTW Informational Flyer (27-371 HHSA)

The WTW Informational Flyer has been updated and assigned a form number, **27-371 HHSA**. This version replaces all previous versions of the WTW flyer and is available in the HHSAEligibilityFormRepository and Xerox Print Center in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Arabic.

FRCs must provide the 27-371 HHSA to parents/caretaker relatives during the WTW presentation of the Health Care Options (HCO) Orientation and during the ES discussion at the face-to-face interview.

Program Impact

No impact.

Automation Impact

No impact. How To instructions for eligibility staff are posted in the HHSA CalWIN Intranet. Updates will be issued when available.

Document Capture Impact

No impact. The 27-371 HHSA is not barcoded and will not be submitted for document capture into CERMS.

Quality Control (QC) Impact

QC will cite the appropriate error on any case that does not comply with the requirements outlined in this material.

Director Approval

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